

## REMARKS

In an Office Action dated September 22, 2005, the Examiner found that of the pending claims 1 through 41, Claims 1-4, 8-17, and 19-41 are rejected and Claims 5-7 and 18 are objected to as depending from rejected claims but would be allowable if rewritten in an independent form. Additionally, the Examiner found Claim 15 to be redundant to Claim 14.

The Applicant has cancelled Claim 15.

In finding that Claims 5-7 and 18 would be allowable if reformatted as an independent claim, the Examiner has indicated that the limitation relating to a sensor for indicating if the engine is running was the limitation not taught by the cited references. The independent claims have been rewritten to encompass the limitation of either a sensor or sensing that the engine is running. Having moved the novel limitation into the independent claims, the Applicant asserts that the claims are now in a condition for allowance and therefore a Notice of Allowance should issue.

## CONCLUSION

Having suitably amended the claims to include the novel limitation of sensing the running state of the engine, the Applicant asserts that the claims are in a condition for allowance. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough Examination and asks that any questions or concerns be addressed to Applicant's attorney of record, the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

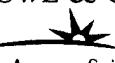
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